Losses due to flood and cyclones

1151. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated agricultural land affected by floods and cyclones every year and the financial losses suffered as a result thereof during the last three years, State-wise and UT-wise; and

(b) whether any compensation has been paid to the sufferers and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Statement showing the State-wise and Union Territory-wise information on damages to cropped area and estimated financial loss due to floods and cyclones during the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 47].

(b) The comprehensive crop insurance, scheme, which is being implemented since kharif 1985 season, envisages financial support to loanee farmers in the event of crop failure as a result of drought and floods etc. At present, wheat, Paddy, Millets, Oilseeds, Pulses are covered under the scheme. So far 17 States and 3 Union Territories have implemented the scheme. Total claims paid so far under the scheme are as under :—

Kharif	1985	— Rs. 8300.59 lakhs
Rabi	1985-86	— Rs. 295.99 lakhs
Kharif	1986	— Rs. 8528.71 lakhs

In the wake of floods, cyclone etc., Central assistance is extended to the States| *Agricultural inputs for providing* subsidy for at the rate of Rs. 200|- per ha., to small and marginal farmers whose crop was damaged by more than 50 per cent and not covered under Crop Insurance Scheme.

Supply of Foodgrains to Andhra Pradesh

1152. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) estimated requirements of foodgrains of Andhra Pradesh put before the Central Government during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) quantity of foodgrains supplied to that State by the Central Government during the same period;

(c) whether the full requirements of foodgrains of that State has not been met by the Central Government and if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether the Central Government propose to increase the quota of that State and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) and (b) A Statement indicating the required information is attached (Annexure) [*See* Appendix CVLVI Annexure No. 48]

(c) and (d) The allotments are made basis, taking into account he overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market in the availability and other related factors open market availability.

Central aid to Andhra Pradesh for housing programme under rural landless Employment Guarantee Programme

1153. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated aid given to each State Government for Housing Programmes for the weaker sections of the Society under RLEGP during the last three years yearwise;

(b) whether the aid given to Andhra Pradesh is not sufficient to cater to the needs of the Housing Programmes under RLEGP; and

(c) whether Government propose to enhance the aid under that programme and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme provides for construction of houses for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and freed bonded labourers under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) which is an earmarked sector under the programme. A statement showing State/UT-wise details of funds released under the Yojana during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 is annexed. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) being an earmarked sector under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), allocation of funds under it is according to the criteria fixed for the RLEGP. About 20 per cent of RLEGP allocations are earmarked for IAY. Andhra Pradesh is entitled to about 9 per cent of funds under the RLEGP/IAY. It has always been given its due share as the enclosed statement shows. Provision of funds under RLEGP in the first four years of the plan has already exceeded the 7th Plan outlay.

Statement

States/UT-wise details of funds released for construction of houses for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Freed bonded labourers under Indira Awaas Yojana (RLEGP)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	State/UT	Amount Released		
		1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	982.00	1190.00	1190.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	..	5.00	5.00
3.	Assam	215.00	251.00	251.00
4.	Bihar	1417.00	1750.00	1750.00
5.	Gujarat	320.00	410.00	410.00
6.	Haryana	85.00	115.00	115.00
7.	Himachal Pradesh	60.00	78.00	78.00
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	74.00	94.00	94.00
9.	Karnataka	467.00	525.00	575.00
10.	Kerala	459.00	470.00	470.00
11.	Madhya Pradesh	725.00	1033.00	1033.00
12.	Maharashtra	791.00	991.00	991.00
13.	Manipur	..	14.00	14.00
14.	Meghalaya	15.00	9.50	19.00
15.	Mizoram	..	10.00	10.00
16.	Nagaland	10.00	15.00	15.00
17.	Orissa	448.00	548.00	548.00

1	2	3	4	5
18.	Punjab	137.00	123.00	123.00
19.	Rajasthan	238.00	487.00	487.00
20.	Sikkim	8.00	10.00	10.00
21.	Tamil Nadu	887.00	979.00	979.00
22.	Tripura	33 00	42.00	42.00
23.	Uttar Pradesh	1697.00	2192.00	2192.00
24.	West Bengal	768.00	939.00	939.00
25.	A&N Islands	7.80	..	10.00
26.	Chandigarh	..	..	2.25
27.	D & N Haveli	4.00	2.50	3.15
28.	Delhi	..	..	6.00
29.	Goa, Daman & Diu	9.00	16.00	16.00
30.	Lakshadweep	..	..	3.00
31.	Pondicherry	8.00	10.00	7.50
	ALL INDIA	9864.80	12309.00	12388.50

Contractors engaged for public utility works

1154. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contrary to the spirit of the poverty alleviation programmes like NREP, IRDP etc., contractors were engaged to undertake the public utility works instead of employing the local people;

(b) whether any assessment has been made as to the number of mandays lost as a result thereof all over the country, State-wise; and

(c) whether any Central guideline was issued about the employment of local people and if so, when and what are the detailed views of each of the State Governments thereto, who had engaged contractors and deprived the benefit due to the local people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) According to National Rural Employment Programme (NREP)/Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) guidelines, contractors are not permitted to be engaged for execution of works under the programme. No middlemen or any such intermediate agency can be employed for executing works under the programme so that the full benefits of wages to be paid reach the workers and the cost of the works does not go up on account of commission charges payable to such contractors, middlemen or intermediate agencies. Complaints have, however, been received of the works in some cases being executed by the contractors.

(b) No such assessment has been carried out.